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Tecumseh Man Arrested on Suspicion of Online Child Enticement

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(Lincoln, Neb.) Steve G. Mulholland, 51, of Tecumseh was arrested on suspicion of violating Nebraska's online child enticement law.

A joint effort by the Attorney General's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol led to the arrest.

Mulholland contacted an Attorney General's Office investigator posing as an underage girl on an instant messaging Internet site. Mulholland used a computer to engage in sexually-explicit conversations with the investigator, and later set up a time and location to meet and have a sexual encounter.

"We want to stop predators from preying on child victims from behind their computer screens and put them in jail where they belong," said Bruning."Our goal is to catch them before their disturbing behavior escalates and they sexually assault a child."

Investigators from the Attorney General's Office and the State Patrol arrested Mulholland in Tecumseh this morning. He's being held in the Johnson County Jail.

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